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# H. R. 251

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 12, 2013

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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “South Utah Valley  
5       Electric Conveyance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8              (1) DISTRICT.—The term “District” means the  
9       South Utah Valley Electric Service District, orga-  
10       nized under the laws of the State of Utah.

(5) DISTRIBUTION FIXTURE LANDS.—The term “distribution fixture lands” means all Federal lands and interests in lands where the fixtures are located

1       on the date of the enactment of this Act and which  
2       are unencumbered by other Strawberry Valley  
3       Project features, to a maximum corridor width of 30  
4       feet on each side of the centerline of the fixtures'  
5       power lines as those lines exist on the date of the  
6       enactment of this Act.

7                 (6) SHARED POWER POLES.—The term “shared  
8       power poles” means poles that comprise those por-  
9       tions of the Strawberry Valley Project Power Trans-  
10      mission System, that are rated at a voltage of 46.0  
11      kilovolts, are owned by the United States, and sup-  
12      port fixtures of the Electric Distribution System.

13                (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
14       the Secretary of the Interior.

15 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYS-**  
16 **TEM.**

17               (a) IN GENERAL.—Inasmuch as the Strawberry  
18 Water Users Association conveyed its interest, if any, in  
19 the Electric Distribution System to the District by a con-  
20 tract dated April 7, 1986, and in consideration of the Dis-  
21 trict assuming from the United States all liability for ad-  
22 ministration, operation, maintenance, and replacement of  
23 the Electric Distribution System, the Secretary shall, as  
24 soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this  
25 Act and in accordance with all applicable law convey and

1 assign to the District without charge or further consider-  
2 ation—

3 (1) all of the United States right, title, and in-  
4 terest in and to—

5 (A) all fixtures owned by the United States  
6 as part of the Electric Distribution System; and

7 (B) the distribution fixture land;

8 (2) license for use in perpetuity of the shared  
9 power poles to continue to own, operate, maintain,  
10 and replace Electric Distribution Fixtures attached  
11 to the shared power poles; and

12 (3) licenses for use and for access in perpetuity  
13 for purposes of operation, maintenance, and replace-  
14 ment across, over, and along—

15 (A) all project lands and interests in irri-  
16 gation and power facilities lands where the  
17 Electric Distribution System is located on the  
18 date of the enactment of this Act that are nec-  
19 essary for other Strawberry Valley Project fa-  
20 cilities (the ownership of such underlying lands  
21 or interests in lands shall remain with the  
22 United States), including lands underlying the  
23 Strawberry Substation; and

24 (B) such corridors where Federal lands  
25 and interests in lands—

(i) are abutting public streets and roads; and

**6 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.—**

7                   (1) IN GENERAL.—Before conveying lands, in-  
8                   terest in lands, and fixtures under subsection (a),  
9                   the Secretary shall comply with all applicable re-  
10                  quirements under—

(A) the National Environmental Policy Act  
of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

15 (C) any other law applicable to the land  
16 and facilities.

(A) the National Environmental Policy Act  
of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); or

23 (c) POWER GENERATION AND 46KV TRANSMISSION  
24 FACILITIES EXCLUDED.—Except for the uses as granted  
25 by license in Shared Power Poles under section 3(a)(2),

1 nothing in this Act shall be construed to grant or convey  
2 to the District or any other party, any interest in any fa-  
3 cilities shared or otherwise that comprise a portion of the  
4 Strawberry Valley Project power generation system or the  
5 federally owned portions of the 46 kilovolt transmission  
6 system which ownership shall remain in the United States.

7 **SEC. 4. EFFECT OF CONVEYANCE.**

8 On conveyance of any land or facility under section  
9 3(a)(1)—

10 (1) the conveyed and assigned land and facili-  
11 ties shall no longer be part of a Federal reclamation  
12 project;

13 (2) the District shall not be entitled to receive  
14 any future Bureau or Reclamation benefits with re-  
15 spect to the conveyed and assigned land and facili-  
16 ties, except for benefits that would be available to  
17 other non-Bureau of Reclamation facilities; and

18 (3) the United States shall not be liable for  
19 damages arising out of any act, omission, or occur-  
20 rence relating to the land and facilities, including  
21 the transaction of April 7, 1986, between the Straw-  
22 berry Water Users Association and Strawberry Elec-  
23 tric Service District.

1 **SEC. 5. REPORT.**

2       If a conveyance required under section 3 is not com-  
3 pleted by the date that is 1 year after the date of the  
4 enactment of this Act, not later than 30 days after that  
5 date, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report  
6 that—

7           (1) describes the status of the conveyance;  
8           (2) describes any obstacles to completing the  
9       conveyance; and  
10          (3) specifies an anticipated date for completion  
11       of the conveyance.

Passed the House of Representatives June 11, 2013.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*

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